

Winter/Spring
2014

City of Center Line
7070 E. 10 Mile Rd
Center Line, MI 48015

Center Line



Insider



What's missing from this picture? You and your snowman! Enjoy a brisk walk, go sledding, or build a snowman in the park this winter. If you make a snowman at the park or at home any time before March 16—email a picture to the Rec at hhames@centerline.gov or post it on our Facebook page! For more information go to www.centerline.gov/recreation

City Holiday Closings

Good Friday.....April 18
Memorial Day.....May 26
Independence Day.....July 4

Save the Date

Feb 7...Dad/Daughter Dance
March 16...Snowman Contest
April 12.....Easter Egg Hunt
April 26.....Family Fun Day
May 10.....Clean-Up Day
June 5.....Blood Drive
June 16.....Summer Reading
July 1.....Fireworks

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Congratulations!
2013 Winner of Center
Line's Light Up the Sky
Contest!

8662 Helen St

City Hall
586-757-6800

Public Safety
586-757-2200

Public Works
586-756-4502

Library
586-758-8274

Recreation
586-757-1610

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CITY OF CENTER LINE DIRECTORY

Reach us online at www.centerline.gov

EMERGENCY AND FIRE

911

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586-757-6800

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CITY COUNCIL

Mayor	David Hanselman
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COMMUNITY GARDEN



It is not too early to think about your garden, and reservations are now being taken for the 2014 Center Line Community Garden. The Community Garden is a great way to grow your own produce and make new friends. The plot fee is only \$10 and there is a cleanup fee of \$10 that is refundable once you clean up your garden plot in the fall. The Community Garden gets better and better every year, and 2014 is a great year to be part of its success. Call City Hall at 586-757-6800 to reserve your spot.

9th Annual City Wide Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All **FREE** at the Department of Public Works, 6685 Ten Mile Road

Dumpsters will be placed at this location for the disposal of large items including furniture, construction material and appliances.

Items that are **not** included are liquid chemicals, including paint, oil, propane tanks, and fertilizers, as well as yard waste, batteries and tires. No appliances with Freon will be accepted.

Last year over 100 Center Line property owners utilized this service. The City encourages all Center Line property owners to participate in this year's City Wide Clean-up Day.

Free Trees



The City of Center Line would like to plant a tree in your front yard. Our new tree planting program will begin in the spring of 2014. The City will purchase the trees and have them professionally planted in your yard at no cost to the resident. The homeowners will only be required to agree to care for the tree and attend a free one-hour tree care class. Residents renting their home will also need to provide written permission to plant the tree from the property owner.

Different varieties of trees will be available. If the demand for trees exceeds the supply, residents will be selected to receive trees based on when they requested a tree and how many trees are already on their block. Residents who request trees sooner will be selected before those who request trees later, and residents living on blocks with less trees will be selected before those living on blocks with many trees.

Trees beautify your neighborhood and increase the value of your home. Request your tree today by calling city hall at (586) 757-6800 or use the application found on the opposite page and return it to City Hall located at 7070 E. 10 Mile Rd at Lawrence. Applications are also available online at www.centerline.gov.

CENTER LINE SPOTLIGHT: Kramer Homes



Designed by father and son duo Eliel and Eero Saarinen (renowned architects who later went on to design the General Motors Tech Center and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri), Kramer Homes has always been a unique place to live. What was originally designed as Center Line Defense Housing, Kramer Homes was built in 1941-1942 by the Federal Government's United States Housing Authority to provide housing for the great influx of defense workers caused by the construction of the US Army Tank Plant on Van Dyke in Warren, Michigan.

On July 26, 1941, the Federal Government instituted condemnation proceedings to purchase 53 acres of land that was part of the Bousson Farm on Ten Mile Road at Lorraine Ave. The owners were ordered to surrender possession of the land on August 1, 1941 and on September 10, 1941 the Government paid \$31,835 for the property. Under the Authority of the Lanham Act, design and construction began on a housing development that would provide homes for nearly 500 families.

The Saarinens produced plans that provided one-story twin houses and long, two-story buildings that contained six to eight dwellings. The plans included recreation areas, parking, a school, and a meeting hall.

The housing project was named after Father John F. Kramer, who had been pastor of St. Clement Roman Catholic Church from 1890 until his death in 1929. The first residents moved into Kramer Homes in February of 1942 and paid rents of \$32 to \$35 per month. The finished development was managed by the Federal Housing Administration on behalf of the Federal Government.

With the end of World War II in 1945, the future of the housing structure was uncertain. In 1948, the residents of Kramer Homes submitted a \$1.2 million purchase offer to the Government for the entire property.



Kramer Homes Co-op has remained a family oriented community for over 65 years. Residents have always enjoyed sitting on their porches and taking walks in the evenings. It's a place everyone knows their neighbors and often gets together for community events. Many Center Line residents have started out in Kramer homes including Mayor Hanselman and his wife Kathy as well as Macomb County Executive Mark Hackle.

CENTER LINE FREE TREE APPLICATION

Property Owner _____ Phone Number _____

Property Renter _____ Phone Number _____
(If applicable)

Address Where Tree Will be Planted _____

Tree Desired

_____ Red Pointe Maple
(Expected to grow to over 40')

_____ Skyline Locust
(Expected to grow to over 40')

_____ Prairie Fire Crabapple
(Expected to grow to under 30')

_____ Green Mountain Sugar Maple
(Expected to grow to over 40')

Please number the tree species by your preference. To help protect against pests and disease, trees will not be planted near other trees of the same species. Selecting more than one species will increase your chances of receiving a tree.

_____ Retain my application for the 2015 free tree program if I am not selected for the 2014 program.

Trees will be provided and professionally planted free of charge. Residents will be responsible for maintaining the trees once planted.

	Owner	Renter (If applicable)
I/we agree to properly maintain the tree once planted.	_____	_____
I/we agree to attend a one-hour class to learn how to maintain the tree.	_____	_____
I/we agree to provide the city with the opportunity to relocate the tree If I/we ever decide I/we no longer want it in the yard.	_____	_____
I/we confirm that the address where the tree is to be planted is free of blight and that the yard will be maintained in a like manner.	_____	_____

If the property is a rental property, both the owner and renter must agree to the above terms.

Residents receiving trees will be selected based on the number of trees already on their block and on when the tree was requested. Residents on blocks with less trees are more likely to be selected than residents on blocks with more trees. Residents requesting trees sooner are more likely to be selected sooner than residents requesting trees later. Trees may only be planted in the front yard and are limited to one tree per yard. Residents may apply for additional trees in subsequent years.

All trees planted will have a trunk diameter of about 1 ¾ inches. Trees will be staked and equipped with a tree watering bag. At least two maintenance classes will be scheduled to make attendance easier.

_____ Date _____ Renter (If applicable) _____

Call City Hall at 586-757-6800 with any questions.
Submit the completed and signed applications to City Hall, 7070 E. 10 Mile Road, Center Line, MI 48015

CITY HALL NEWS

Automatic Payments: The City of Center Line now offers a direct payment service for your tax and utility bills. If interested, please stop by City Hall for a form or visit www.centerline.gov

Municipal Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1	Veteran's Day	November 11
Good Friday	April 18	Thanksgiving	November 27 & 28
Memorial Day	May 26	Christmas	December 24 & 25
Independence Day	July 4	New Year's Eve	December 31

Please call City Hall at (586) 757-6800 with questions or check online at www.centerline.gov/city-hall

Municipal Cable Access Channel: Events, programs, and other activities scheduled by all departments of the City are advertised on the City's Municipal Access Cable. Agendas for regular Council meetings are published on this channel, as are the day and time of regular meetings of Boards and Commissions.

Comcast Cable=Channel 5

Wide Open West=Channel 10

PUBLIC SAFETY

With the winter season approaching, the Public Safety Director would like to give all of you a few safety tip reminders for your home and when you are in your vehicle:

Safety tip for your home:

- 1) Check and change the batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector.
- 2) Replace the air filter in your furnace and make sure your humidifier is working properly.
- 3) Use a timer for your outside lights.
- 4) When you are not home keep a few lights and a television or radio on.
- 5) If you still have a poinsettia, be careful where you place it—it is harmful to pets and children if the leaves are ingested.
- 6) Make sure that you keep your steps and porch free of snow and ice. Remember Michigan weather changes quickly, so what is wet one minute can change into ice the next.

Safety tips when you are in your vehicle:

- 1) Make sure that your wiper blades are in good working order.
- 2) Check your tire pressure. In the cold they will lose a few pounds of pressure.
- 3) Only use window washer solvent in your window washer reservoir, water will turn to ice quickly.
- 4) Keep a set of gloves in your vehicle along with a window scrapper and kitty litter (kitty litter works great under your tires if you are stuck in the snow).
- 5) When you are driving in the snow always allow yourself a little more room between vehicles so that you can stop safely and not slide on the snow and ice.
- 6) When the temperature starts to fall be aware of the possibility of "black ice" on the roads.
- 7) Before you drive away make sure that all your windows and side-view mirrors are free from snow and ice.

Mon & Wed 10-5
Tues & Thurs 10-7
Fri & Sat 12-5

7345 Weingartz, Center Line, MI 48015

www.centerline.gov/library

Online Magazines from Zinio

Check out Zinio—our newest service. Check out magazines online and read them on your computer, mobile phone, or tablet. You won't have to return magazines or have fines—what could be better than that! Visit www.centerline.gov/library for the link or for more information.



Story Time

The next session of Story Time will resume January 17, 2014 and run through May 16, 2014. This year we will focus on kindergarten readiness so please register children ages 3-5 years only. Story Time will continue at 10:00 a.m. each Friday. There will be no Story Time on April 18 in observance of Good Friday.

Library Fines

Library fines have increased from \$0.15 to \$0.25 per day for books. DVDs remain the same at \$1.00 per day if late. The good news is that the maximum overdue fines have decreased—that's right! As long as you return materials the fines will be minimal. If you have a large outstanding library fine—call Heather today at 586-758-8274 ext. 1500 to find more about your library account.

Fine Forgiveness—Love Your Library!

This Valentine's Day, love your library—return all your overdue or lost library books the week of February 10-15 and have your fines waived! Call the library for more details 586-758-8274.

You can also Love Your Library by paying your fines this week or make a donation. When you Love Your Library February 10-15, 2014 you'll get a free button or sticker—so show your love!



Summer Reading Program 2014: Science

Join the Center Line Public Library for a summer of mind-blowing reading!



This year's program will be a little different from previous years. Instead of trying to read more than anyone else (although that is still applauded!) set your own goal when you sign up for how many books you want to read for the program (at least five books). You'll earn a reward when you reach the half-way point, and another reward for completing your goal.



Registration for all ages begins June 16!

**Get Ready to Fizz.....Boom.....READ
this summer!**

Library Programs

January

- 7 E-Reader Academy (by appointment 5-7pm)
- 8 Anime Club (8th-12th grade, 5pm)
- 9 E-Reader Academy (by appointment 5-7pm)
- 9 What a Yarn Knitting Club (7pm)
- 13 Introduction to Computers Part I (6pm)
- 14 E-Reader Academy (by appointment 5pm)
- 16 E-Reader Academy (by appointment 5pm)
- 16 Film Classics at Noon (12noon)
- 17 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 18 Family Fun Night (5pm)
- 20 Introduction to Computers Part II (6pm)
- 21 Book Club (7pm)
- 22 Money Savvy with Lake Trust Credit Union (6pm)
- 24 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 31 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)

February

- 3 Social Media 101 (6pm)
- 5 Anime Club (8th-12th grade, 5pm)
- 7 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 10 Introduction to Microsoft Word (6pm)
- 13 What a Yarn Knitting Club (7pm)
- 14 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 15 Family Fun Night (5pm)
- 18 Book Club (7pm)
- 20 Film Classics at Noon (12noon)
- 21 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 28 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)

March

- 5 Anime Club (8th-12th grade, 5pm)
- 7 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 12 Introduction to Computers Part I (6pm)
- 13 What a Yarn Knitting Club (7pm)
- 14 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 15 Family Fun Night (5pm)
- 18 Book Club (7pm)
- 19 Introduction to Computers Part II (6pm)
- 20 Film Classics at Noon (12noon)

- 21 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)

- 28 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)

April

- 2 Anime Club (8th-12th grade, 5pm)
- 4 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 7 Money Smart Week Kids' Financial Literacy Story Time (5pm)
- 9 Introduction to Microsoft Word (6pm)
- 10 What a Yarn Knitting Club (7pm)
- 11 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 15 Book Club (7pm)
- 17 Film Classics at Noon (12noon)
- 25 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 26 Family Fun Night (5pm)
- 28 Social Media 101 (6pm)

May

- 2 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 5 Summer Recipe Exchange (5pm)
- 7 Anime Club (8th-12th grade, 5pm)
- 8 What a Yarn Knitting Club (7pm)
- 9 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 12 Introduction to Computers Part I (6pm)
- 15 Film Classics at Noon (12noon)
- 16 Story Hour (Ages 3-6, 10am)
- 17 Family Fun Night (5pm)
- 19 Introduction to Computers Part II (6pm)
- 20 Book Club (7pm)

June

- 4 Anime Club (8th-12th grade, 5pm)
- 12 What a Yarn Knitting Club (7pm)
- 16 Summer Reading Kick-off (Pop Rocks!)
- 17 Pudding Concoctions (while supplies last)
- 17 Book Club (7pm)
- 18 Duct Tape Wallets (6th-12th grade, 4pm)
- 19 Film Classics at Noon (12noon)
- 19 The UFO Phenomenon (7pm)
- 21 Family Fun Night (5pm)

The **ANNE CROSS BOOK FUND** is in its 2nd year.
Anyone who wishes to purchase a book in Anne's name, please contact Heather Hames
at hhames@centerline.gov or at 586-758-8274.

Library Clubs, Groups, and Series Programs

Anime Club

First Wednesday of the month* 5pm

What A Yarn Knitting Club

Second Thursday of the month 7pm

Family Fun Night

Third Saturday of the month* 5pm

Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month 7pm

Film Classics at Noon

Third Thursday of the month 12noon

*Library closure may alter schedule

Technology Classes

Introduction to Computers (2 Parts) – Jan 13/20, March 10/17, May 12/19 at 6pm

E-Reader Academy – Appointments available from 5-7pm January 7, 9, 14, 16

Social Media 101 6pm

Feb 3

April 28

Introduction to Microsoft Word at 6pm

Feb 10 at 6 pm

April 9 at 6pm

Talk to a Tech Tutor – By appointment only by calling the library at 586-758-8274

Book Reviews and Recommendations

Heather Recommends



Longbourn by Jo Baker—For fans of Downton Abbey and *Pride & Prejudice*.

The Lock Artist by Steve Hamilton—An amazing story of a young man who can crack any safe in the world, but he doesn't speak. Set in Metro Detroit area, currently being made into a major motion picture.

The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton—A beautifully written story of one family's dramatic cover up story. Set in English country estate in early 1900s through present day.

Kathy Recommends

The Gravity of Birds by Tracy Guzman—Interesting story, well written and kept my interest to the end. A story of lost love, lost paintings, family drama, artistic interests. I liked it very much.

Joann Recommends

The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin

Maine by J. Courtney Sullivan

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Olivia Recommends

Just Like Heaven by Julia Quinn- A fun historical romance that will have readers in stitches, and possibly with a craving for something sweet to eat!

Marj Recommends

Spider Woman's Daughter by Anne Hillerman—Anne Hillerman, daughter of the late Tony Hillerman, who continues her father's popular Southwest mysteries featuring Navajo Tribal Police officers - now retired Lt. Joe Leaphorn, Jim Chee, and his wife Bernie Manuelito. Who would want to shoot the lieutenant? And why?

Steven Recommends

The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov - An exploration of love, guilt, religion, politics, and authority involving Satan visiting Soviet Moscow with a hog-sized cat that walks on its hind legs, performs magic, and is accurate with a revolver.

Detroit City is the Place to Be by Mark Binelli - A more nuanced (and better written!) look at the city than is generally reported.



Other Staff Picks

Rise of the Governor

By Robert J. Kirkman

The Search

By Nora Roberts

Dexter's Final Cut

By Jeff Lindsey

Arcane Society series

By Jayne Ann Krentz

Game of Thrones series

By George R. R. Martin

FRIENDS of the Center Line Library

Thank you to all who participated in our October Book Sale and our December Cookie Walk – whether you purchased books and/or cookies, or baked or made a monetary donation. We appreciate your support to raise funds for our library!

In 2014 we will focus on the BOOK STORE, located in the library and open during library hours. This is our best fundraiser outlet. Books are in very good condition, especially chosen for sale by the Executive Board. New selections are placed in the Store every Monday. Our new category is BOOK CLUB PICKS.

- JANUARY all Fiction will be half-price
- FEBRUARY all Mystery books will be half-price
- MARCH all Large Print books will be half-price.
- APRIL all Biographies will be half-price.

We feature latest books by best-selling authors at reasonable prices.

You save LOTS OF MONEY on books, and we are able to fund children's programs, the Summer Reading Program for all ages, and additional materials that help make our library the gem that it is.

If this volunteer group sounds worthwhile to you, please join the Friends: Adults - \$10 Seniors - \$5 Students - \$3

Our 20th Anniversary Cook Books are still available for a limited time! Pick one up at the Recreation Center, City Hall and the Library. Here's a **Sample Recipe:**

Artichoke Dip by Kathy Hanselman

1 or 2 cans quartered artichokes, chopped fine
(not too fine)

1 c. shredded Parmesan cheese

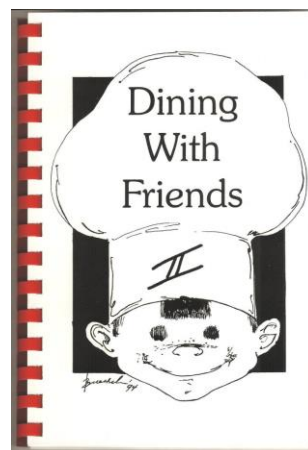
1 c. Hellmann's mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients up in a bowl and pour into
round pie dish.

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Eat and enjoy. Serve with Triscuits or whatever
kind of crackers you want.

\$8



ASSESSING NEWS

Each year the City Assessor is responsible for verifying the information on all building permits. This involves the physical inspection and measurement of the property where some type of physical change has been completed. This is an important step in the assessment process.

As a property owner, it is important for you to verify your assessment records. It is also important the assessment records are accurate and all properties are treated uniformly. If you would like to view your assessment records, please call the Assessing Office at (586) 757-6800 to make an appointment.

Assessment Notices will be in the mail by March 1. Please verify all information on the notice carefully before making an appointment with the Board of Review. Call the Assessing Office to discuss your concerns; this may alleviate the need for you to personally appear. The March Board of Review will be held on Monday, March 10th, Wednesday, March 12th and Friday March 14, 2014. You must make an appointment with the Board of Review to appeal your assessment.

Parks & Recreation Information

Recreation Building



25355 Lawrence
Center Line, MI 48015
586-757-1610

Office Hours: 8:30-6:00
Game Room: 8:30-8:00
Ages 10-17: 3:00-8:00

Residents must be 18 to use pool tables

Other Activities Include

Ping Pong	Shuffle Board
Cards	Dice
Board Games	Coloring

Parks

Park Hours
8 a.m. until Dusk



LOCATIONS

Memorial Park
Lions Park
Rotary Park

Lawrence & Engleman
State Park & MacArthur
Lawrence & Sterling

PARK REGULATIONS

Please be sure to:

- Place trash in provided receptacles
- Keep vehicles off park grounds
- Get a permit for alcoholic beverages
- Leave dogs or other pets at home!
- **Remember: No Ground Fires**

New Parks & Recreation Director



I would like to introduce myself to those of you in the community that I have not yet had the pleasure to meet. My name is Heather Hames, and I've been the Library Director at the Center Line Public Library for the past three years. I grew up in Center Line, and even though I now live in Berkley with my husband and our three daughters, we still come back to Center Line for our favorite family events like the Tree Lighting and the Fireworks.

Overseeing two departments is going to be an exciting challenge for me because I look forward to continuing Center Line's traditions, while adding a few new ideas into the mix. I know where Center Line has been, and I'm proud to be a part of where it is going.

Email: hhames@centerline.gov **Library** 586-758-8274 **Recreation** 586-758-8267

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Advance registration for any class/program is required and is handled at the Recreation Center during office hours. You may also mail in your check. Please include your name, address, & phone number and what you are registering for.

The Center Line Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel classes and/or programs due to insufficient registration or conditions beyond its control. Anyone under the age of 18 must be registered by a parent or legal guardian. Program fees must be paid at time of registration.

TRIP GUIDELINES

- Register at the Recreation Center Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Refunds are given if a trip is canceled.
- Refunds are given on cancellations only if we fill the spot from a wait list.
- All trips leave from and return to the Recreation Center.
- Please arrive 15-20 minutes before scheduled departure time.
- All age groups are welcome unless noted.
- There will be no refunds on trips with fees under \$15 even if we fill your spot.

REFUNDS for programs must be requested and approved by the Recreation Department during the first week of the program or one week prior to a special event. No refunds will be given after the first week of any program.

TRIPS

Detroit Red Wings

Sunday, March 23, bus leaves at 6:15 pm

\$43 per person

Come on out and watch the wings trounce the Minnesota Wild. These tickets will go fast!



Great Lakes Crossing

Let's Go Shopping

Wednesday, April 2, leave at 9:15 am return approx 3:30 pm

\$5 per person

Spend the day at Great Lakes Crossing, shop, see a movie, try out one of the many restaurants or sit in the food court and people watch. The day is yours to enjoy. Price includes transportation only.

Sister Act

Fisher Theatre

April 22-24 or April 29-May 1

We will not have an exact date until February. It will be a weeknight showing and we estimate tickets to be around \$38 per person. If you are interested please call and leave your name and phone number, we will contact you as soon as we confirm our information. We expect tickets to go fast for this one...don't wait!



Family Fun Day: LEGO KidsFest

Saturday, April 26, 2 pm - 8:15 pm

\$20 per person

LEGO KidsFest brings all of the creative hands-on, minds-on fun of LEGO building and experiences together in one activity and entertainment packed family event for children of all ages and builders of all skills and interests. There will be concessions on site if you wish to purchase food/snacks. Price includes bus and admission.



Celtic Woman

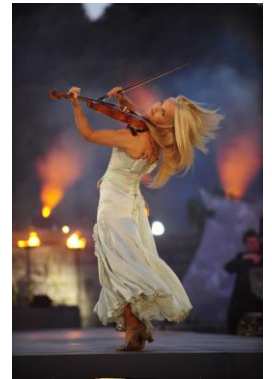
Thursday, May 8, 2014

Fox Theatre

Bus leaves at 6:00 pm

\$42 per person

The all-female musical ensemble of Celtic Woman has been enthralling audiences across the globe with a beautiful mix of new age and Celtic music ever since you saw them on PBS. This show is appropriate for all ages.



Shipshewana

Dinner and the Bulk Food Store

Tuesday June 3; bus leaves at 6:00 a.m. and returns approx. 11:00 p.m.

\$65.00 per person

It's that time of year again! Gigantic flea markets with hundreds of open-air tables, shops with handmade quilts and furniture and, of course, lots of walking. We will have an Amish-style meal at Das Dutchman Essenhaus. New this year is a stop at the bulk food store, depending on your purchases you may want to bring a cold food pack for cheeses/perishable items.

Let's Go Tigers!

Take Your Dad to a Detroit Tigers Ball Game!

We are hoping to get seats in June--this would make a great Father's Day event—but it's fun for everyone!



Group seating does not go on sale until February so check back with us on this trip. To keep up with our information please call 586-757-1610 or visit our website.

<http://www.centerline.gov/recreation/trips>

Register Online or call 586-757-1610

KIDS EVENTS

Daddy Daughter Dance

Friday, February 7

7 pm until 9 pm

Girls ages 2 thru 13 with their Dad, Grandpa or Uncle, will have a great time at this event.

V.F.W. Menge Post.

25500 Sherwood, Center Line MI 48015

Advance tickets only; sold at the Recreation Center.

\$20 per couple/ \$5 for each additional daughter

Enjoy dancing, music, refreshments, door prizes and a small gift for each girl.

Volunteers are always needed to make cookies or brownies—the kids and their dates love them!

Must register by Tuesday, February 4
No tickets available at the door

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 10 am Sharp!

Parents and guardians, bring your children, ages 2 - 10 years old to the Recreation Center at Memorial Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Starts promptly at 10:00 am, don't be late!

Bring your basket to collect goodies and your camera for photo-ops with the Easter Bunny!



Registration

Deadline June 13

Meet the Staff Night
6-8 pm

SUMMER DAY CAMP

June 16 to August 22

Monday - Friday

7 am to 6 pm

Ages 5-13

Pricing \$35 per day

Weekly 1 child \$130

2 children \$220

Please call for pricing for additional children

Space is limited to 60 children. Includes daily lunch, snacks, games, sports, and fun weekly trips! Registration begins March 17, 2014 and ends June 13, 2014. All payments for the first week are due by June 13, 2014. Payments may be made during regular business hours at the Recreation Center or at the Meet the Staff Night on June 13 from 6-8 pm. Register and pay by June 6, 2014 for \$30 off your first week!

Payments and the days your child will attend are due each week by the Friday prior to the week your child will attend. No refunds will be given after the first week of the program. For more information call 586-757-1610 or visit www.centerline.gov/recreation.

Recreation Room Rentals

The Recreation Center meeting rooms are available September through May for up to 80 participants. Book your upcoming showers and parties now! The room is rented out at a maximum of 6 hours of use.

For further information contact us at 586-757-1610 or visit www.centerline.gov/recreation.

Park Pavilion Reservations

The Recreation Department will begin taking reservations for Picnic Shelters for the 2014 season on February 3, 2014. Reservations will be accepted throughout the year on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be a Center Line resident to reserve shelters. ID is required--only one weekend is allowed per household per year. Baseball diamonds are included with a Picnic Shelter rental and are not available for individual rental.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

ZUMBA

There will be 3 sessions on Monday & Wednesday evenings 6-7 pm, at the Center Line Recreation Center.

Session 1 Jan 13 - Feb 19

Session 2 Feb 24 - April 2

Session 3 April 7 - May 14

Cost: \$55 for Center Line Residents or \$60 for Non-Residents

This class is open to everyone!

What do you need for a Zumba class? Bottle of water, a small towel, proper shoes, comfortable clothing, a neighbor, co-worker, family or friend....and a HUGE SMILE!!

ZUMBA Fitness is designed to put you into an endorphin release (feel happy zone) where you will feel energized, vitalized and recharged by your workout. Once you start, you won't want to stop!



OPEN SWIM

At Center Line High School
26300 Arsenal, Center Line, MI 48015

Wednesdays & Fridays

7:30 - 9 p.m.

January 15 - May 21

Must be 52" tall or accompanied by an adult in the water.

We do not provide any type of floatation devices.

Center Line Parks & Rec does lifeguards will be on duty.

There will be no open swim on days that the school is closed for any reason. **\$2 per person.**



WALKING CLUB

At Center Line High School
26300 Arsenal, Center Line, MI 48015

Monday - Thursday Nights

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

January 13 - April 14

Join your friends and neighbors! If you like to walk but not outside in the cold or dark, join our walking club as we walk the halls at Center Line High School. Meet in Room A-102, enter at the rear of school at door #45. If school is closed there will be no walking. **FREE!**



ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Summer Leagues are held on the following evenings beginning in May. The season runs through the second week in August (including playoffs). If your team is interested in signing up, please call 586-757-1610 by April 4th please.



Men's League - Mondays

Church League - Fridays

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

SENIOR BINGO

Small prizes and lots of fun is had at our Bingo for Seniors. Games begin at the Recreation Center at 10 a.m., and ends between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon. \$1.00 to play/\$.25 per card; maximum of three cards. Every month is birthday month - let us know that it's your birthday (proof required) and you don't have to pay the \$1 to play! Join us on **January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, and May 27.**

GAME ROOM

Seniors are welcome anytime during business hours for pool playing at the Recreation Center. The regulars are looking for new faces to join them. **NO FEES! JUST FUN!**

SMART BUS TICKETS

If you are a resident, age 60 or over or disabled, the 2014 SMART bus ticket allotments are available. Picture ID showing proof of residency is required. If you are under 60 and disabled, your Medicare card or proof of disability income is also required. Phone 586-757-6800 for more information or to check to see if tickets are still available. **NEW PICK UP LOCATION IS CENTER LINE CITY HALL located at 7070 E. 10 mile Rd at Lawrence. 586-757-6800.**

SENIOR POOL LEAGUES

Center Line Parks and Recreation will be offering senior pool leagues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning in late January. Call (586)757-1610 if you are interested in joining the league.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Center Line Parks & Recreation, in cooperation with Warren Parks & Recreation, offers a curb-to-curb senior transportation service. This service helps seniors and handicapped persons remain independent for life. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DRIVERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE VEHICLE TO ASSIST PASSENGERS IN ANY WAY.**

Hours of Bus Operation—Monday thru Friday 9 am –3 pm.

Transportation Office Hours—Monday thru Friday 8 am -3 pm.

Who is Eligible for Transportation: Any Center Line or Warren resident 55 years of age or older or handicapped individuals of any age.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

* All trips must be scheduled through the dispatcher at (586) 268-0551.

* Please make your requests for trips at least 2 days but not more than two calendar weeks in advance.

SHOPPING TRIPS:

* Every Tuesday & Wednesday: Meijer

* 1st & 3rd Thursday: Bus travels to area malls on a rotating basis (Macomb and Oakland & Universal) Call (586)268-0551 for the schedule.

Center Line residents pay a \$2.00 round trip fee.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Individual appointments. Service area is within the cities of Center Line or Warren or within one mile outside of the city of Warren. Center Line residents pay a \$4.00 round trip fee. Please call (586)268-0551 for more information. Medical appointments must be scheduled no earlier than one week in advance.

All appointments need to be concluded by 2 p.m. OTHERWISE YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION HOME.

SENIOR CITIZEN CHORE SERVICE

The Senior Citizen Chore Service program is for persons age 60 and older who are residents of targeted areas in southern Macomb County and who are eligible. Center Line Residents call 586-469-5012.

YOU MUST CALL EACH YEAR TO BE PLACED ON THE SNOW & GRASS LISTS...WE DO NOT CARRY PEOPLE OVER FROM SEASON TO SEASON OR YEAR TO YEAR.

ODD JOBS/SPECIAL PROJECTS During the months of November through March; Chore Service does the following types of jobs:

Minor Plumbing * Replace Locks * Minor Electrical * Change Furnace Filters * Install Smoke Alarms * Carpet Cleaning * Clean Gutters * Change Storms/Screens

It may be necessary for you to purchase materials.

SEASONAL SERVICES

Seasonal services are currently available in Center Line, Roseville, St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe, Warren and Clinton Twp. *Service is limited and may be granted on a priority basis for those determined to be in the "greatest economic or social need."*

SNOW REMOVAL To be put on our Snow Removal List you MUST call between August 15 and October 15. You will receive a letter of confirmation near the beginning of December. Once you receive the letter it is NOT necessary to call when it snows. Snow removal is usually performed after a snowfall of THREE (3) or more inches. Under **normal** conditions, snow is cleared within one to 5 days of snowfall.

GRASS CUTTING To be put on our Grass Cutting List you MUST call between February 1 and March 15. If your name is placed on the Grass List you will receive a letter of confirmation before grass cutting season begins. It is NOT necessary to call again for grass cutting. It will be cut approximately once every two (2) weeks, weather permitting. Grass cutting generally begins the first of May and continues through September. Please remember we are NOT a landscaping service. For other jobs such as trimming bushes, you must call so a job request can be taken and scheduled.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The Accounting Aid Society provides tax assistance to Senior citizens, ages 60 and over, as well as handicapped and low income individuals. Taxes will be done on Saturdays at the Center Line Recreation Building, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** beginning in January 25 thru April 5.

Please call 1-586-265-5697 for an appointment.

**LOOKING FOR TAX FORMS? VISIT THE CENTER LINE PUBLIC LIBRARY
AT 7345 WEINGARTZ OR GO TO WWW.CENTERLINE.GOV/LIBRARY**

Center Line Youth Baseball & Softball Association

*****Center Line Residency NOT Required*****



WHAT'S NEW IN 2014!!

- ⦿ Team Uniform (Shirt, hat, pants, socks)
- ⦿ Instruction and Team Skills
- ⦿ Pitching Clinics
- ⦿ Trophy in recognition for every player
- ⦿ Tournament for select Divisions
- ⦿ Picnic is August 11th!

Join the league that puts kids first!

Kids between the ages of 4 and 17 can play now! Sign up on one of the dates below.

Parents make sure you have your child with you for uniform sizing!

Birth Certificates are required for all NEW player registrations

2014 Rates!!

\$90.....one player	\$150....two players
\$200.....three players	\$250....four players

NO REFUNDS ON REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION DATES

Early Bird Registration: Sat Jan 11th – 10am-2pm & Sat Jan 25th – 12am to 4pm

Register early and save money off of the regular rates listed above

Registrations: Sat Feb 8th – 10am-2pm & Tues Feb 11th – 5:30 pm to 8:00pm

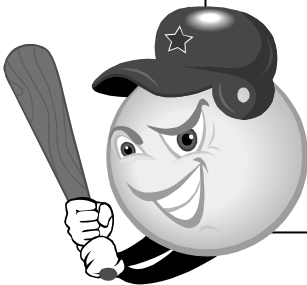
*******LAST REGISTRATION*******

Sat Feb 22nd 10am to 2:00pm

Any registration after Feb 22nd is LATE Additional fees may apply

FAMILY DISCOUNTS WILL NOT APPLY

Register at 25355 Lawrence, Center Line, Michigan 48015



Raffle!

Raffle tickets in the amount of your registration fee will be given to each family registered to play. Sell the tickets to recover the cost the registration fee!

Turn in your tickets at the beginning of the picnic August 11th in Pavilion 1

Raffle drawing is held at 2:00 p.m. sharp

Interested in Helping the League?

Umpiring? Coaching? Sponsoring a team?

\$200 for the first TEAM - \$100 each additional team

See a board member at registration or visit the website.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.clybsa.com

Check us out on Facebook...look for "CLYBSA Michigan"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Center Line

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. During July, 2013 we did not monitor or test for Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts (DDBP's) and, therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. However Samples were taken on September 4, 2013 and came back **negative**. The next monitoring period will be July 1, to July 31, 2014, when another sample will be analyzed.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time.

The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for during July, 2013, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we will collect follow-up samples.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	Date additional samples were taken
TTHM ¹	1 sample per year	1	07/01/2013 to 07/31/2013	09/04/2013
HAA5 ²	1 sample per year	1	07/01/2013 to 07/31/2013	09/04/2013

For more information, please contact Mr. Gary McKinney at 586-758-8278 or the Department of Environmental Quality at 586-753-3755.

This notice is being sent to you by the city of Center Line



Brush Chipping

Rizzo Services has provided the City of Center Line with excellent solid waste, yard waste, and recycling services for years. Beginning in 2014, Rizzo Services will also provide the city with brush chipping services. Brush chipping will still be done on Wednesdays and will still follow the same guidelines for how brush should be put out for chipping. As a reminder, the guidelines are listed below.

- Large brush is defined as pieces of brush longer than 4 feet in length but not exceeding 10 feet, no greater than 4 inches in diameter and generated by the homeowner not a commercial company, single family homes only. It does not include branches or limbs greater than 4 inches in diameter, stumps or dirt balls.
- Please place large brush at the curb on Wednesday with all butt ends facing in the same direction, toward the street.
- Please try not to allow brush to extend over the sidewalk or the curb.
- For the safety of workers, all branches with thorns must be placed in yard waste paper bags or containers or tied and bundled for collection under the normal yard waste program.

Remember, small brush will still be picked up on your normal garbage day. Place small brush in yard waste bags or garbage cans marked "Compost" or bundled for collection. Free compost stickers are available at city hall.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – WATER/SEWER

586-758-8278

SOLID WASTE/YARD WASTE/RECYCLING PICK UP SCHEDULE

The existing mixed waste collection and compost (Yard Waste) program will continue in 2014. The schedule will remain as it has in the past:

Tuesday -- East of Van Dyke to Lorraine from Stephens Drive north to Harding.

Wednesday – East of Van Dyke to Lorraine from Central north to Potomac.

Thursday -- West of Van Dyke from I-696 south to the southern city limits including the north side of Wood Street.

SOLID WASTE

All solid waste (garbage) is to be placed in proper containers of not more than 30-gallon capacity or size, or placed in 30-gallon plastic garbage bags, not to exceed 60 pounds each. All solid waste shall be placed by the curb for pick up day, as follows:

- ♦ All items that cannot be placed in either cans or bags must be tied in bundles not to exceed four (4) feet in length and not to exceed 30 pounds per bundle.

- ♦ Bulk items such as furniture, appliances, etc., are to be placed at the curb side for pick up on your designated pick up day.

- ♦ Appliances such as refrigerators **with doors removed**, air conditioning units, humidifiers and any other appliance containing a refrigerant will be picked up by placing the appliance at the curb on your designated pick up day at no charge to the resident. Please call Rizzo Services (1-866-772-8900) or Center Line City Hall (586-757-6800) no later than the day prior to your designated pick up.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP ARE:

Household batteries, vehicle batteries, paint, motor oil and building materials.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS

- ♦ The Macomb County Health Department, Household Waste Program, located at 43524 Elizabeth Road, Mt. Clemens, will accept gardening, automotive and household products. Oil base paint must be taken to the hazardous Waste Division. Call the hotline number at (586) 469-7923 in advance for disposal hours and for a list of items accepted which also includes medication disposal. (Latex paint can be placed out with regular refuse as long as the paint is dried up with sand or kitty litter). For more information visit the web site at www.macombcountymi.gov.

COMPOST/YARD WASTE REGULATIONS

- ♦ All yard waste including grass, leaves, plant materials, and brush are to be placed in containers, no larger than 30 gallon receptacles, which are clearly marked “**YARD WASTE ONLY**” or brown paper bags.

- ♦ Each yard waste receptacle must have a “**YARD WASTE ONLY**” sticker affixed to it and be clearly visible from the street. Yard Waste containers that **are not** identified by a “**YARD WASTE ONLY**” sticker affixed to the receptacle, **WILL NOT** be picked up by the contractor.

- ♦ Stickers are supplied **free of charge** and can be picked up at the Center Line City Hall during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- ♦ Brush and tree limbs will be picked up by bundling with ends facing in the same direction.

- ♦ Larger size brush will continue to be picked up by the Center Line Public Works Department on Wednesdays, as in the past.

- ♦ Yard waste may also be placed in brown paper “kraft” bags, available at most hardware or department stores, designed specifically for yard waste disposal. Bags shall be placed by the curb for pick up on your pick-up day.

- ♦ **YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

HOLIDAY PICK UP

As a reminder to all residents, solid waste, recycling and compost scheduled for pick up on a legal holiday will be picked up on the next regular business day. Rizzo Services observes the following holidays:

New Years Day Memorial Day 4th of July
Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Since yard waste is picked up by a separate truck, any one of the other materials may be picked up several hours prior to or after the pick up of your solid waste and recyclables. **However, it is necessary that yard waste, recyclables and solid waste be placed at the curb no earlier than the evening before the scheduled pick up, and no later than 7:00 a.m., on the pick up day.** This will ensure that all solid waste, yard waste, and recyclables will be picked up in a timely fashion. Failure to place your waste containers during the required times, will result in your containers **not being** picked up.

SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

Chapter 62, Article I, Sec. 62-10, of the Center Line Code of Ordinances states, in summary that no vehicles are to be parked on the city streets during a snow emergency. Snow emergencies (including freezing rain and/or sleet) will be called by the City Manager on the basis of forecasts by the U.S. Weather Bureau or other weather services when an accumulation of snow is expected such that parking of vehicles on the streets would restrict snow plowing and/or salting activities. Snow emergencies will be announced via cable television - Channel 5 of the Comcast Cable system and Channel 10 of the Wide Open West Cable system - and will remain in effect until terminated by the City Manager, which will also be announced on cable television, and/or until streets are thoroughly cleared of all snow and ice from curb to curb.



Vehicles remaining on the City streets during snow emergencies may be subject to towing and/or ticketing. Residents are asked to remove their vehicles from the city's streets during a heavy snow fall, even if a snow emergency is not called, to allow D.P.W. employees to thoroughly clean the streets of snow and ice.

Residents should be aware that, in order to thoroughly clear snow from the streets, it may be necessary for the snow plows to make several passes down each street, causing snow to be deposited in driveways. If at all possible, please wait until your street has been totally cleared of snow before clearing you driveway approach. This will eliminate the need to clear this area more than once.

**Depositing of snow onto city streets is strictly prohibited,
Violators will be prosecuted.**

In accordance with City Ordinance and State Law (Public Act 82 of 1978), individuals and/or contractors are prohibited from depositing snow, ice and or slush in any roadway, intersection or City right-of-way so as to obstruct motorist's vision or travel. Also, it is a violation of ordinance for contractors to deposit snow, ice or slush removed from business properties or parking lots onto private residential property.

All snow removal contractors working within the city limits of Center Line are required to obtain a business license from the city. This license can be obtained during normal business hours at the municipal building.

DEALING WITH ICE & SNOW

We often attempt to make clearing ice and snow easier by using various products to melt it. However, many people do not realize that many of these products have hidden impacts. When the ice melts, the salt and chemicals dissolve and flow into street drains that lead directly to a lake or stream. In the Clinton River Watershed area, it leads directly into the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair.

Tips on How to Deal with ice and snow:

1. **Does snow or ice need to be removed? If so how much?** We don't always need to see bare concrete to have a safe winter surface.
2. **Shovel early and often.** When it comes to snow removal, there is no substitute for muscle and elbow grease!
3. **Reduce your use of deicing products.** The most important step in deicing is to physically remove as much snow and ice as possible before applying a deicer.
4. **Avoid fertilizers.** Nutrients from fertilizers are one of the greatest causes of massive algae blooms in our waterways. Given that we are trying to reduce nutrients in our waterways, fertilizers are not recommended as deicers.
5. **Limit your use of sand.** Sand doesn't melt ice. Sand provides traction. When sand is washed off of our driveways and sidewalks into storm drains, it ends up in our lakes, rivers and streams, increasing the amount of sediment there. This extra sediment degrades and even eliminates important habitat for aquatic organisms.
6. **Try an alternative.** Early studies indicate that sugar and corn products may have minimal negative environmental effects and are safe for surfaces. While these products are available to road commissions and municipalities, access to these products by the general public is limited in SE MI. Begin asking your local stores to stock these safer products.

The bottom line to dealing with ice and snow in a way that protects our waterways is to shovel early and often, reduce the amount of deicer you use and be very thoughtful in how you select and apply deicing products.



**American
Red Cross**

15th Annual Center Line Blood Drive **Thursday, June 5**

The 15th Annual City-Wide Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Center Line Parks and Recreation Center located at 25355 Lawrence.

As the date draws nearer, you will be able to make an appointment to donate blood by logging onto www.givelife.org. Just type in **cityofcenterline** and then click on the time you wish to make your appointment. It's that simple! For those who do not have internet access, please call 586-757-1610 to make an appointment.

On behalf of the city of Center Line and the American Red Cross, "Thank You" to all who participated in last year's blood drive. Great Job everyone!



The Center Line Beautification Commission consists of volunteers who develop and maintain gardens throughout the city. Without the use of tax dollars, they keep very busy fund-raising and planting.

The Center Line Beautification Commission would like to extend an invitation to all residents to join them in their efforts to make Center Line even more attractive! As they are a self-funded group, they rely on volunteers, fund raisers and the generosity of our neighbors.

There are many plans for the future so any help would be greatly appreciated. Partner with them on the journey to keeping Center Line "A Beautiful City." For more information contact City Hall at 586-757-6800.

DIA Inside Out

Be on the look-out this Spring Center Line! The Detroit Institute of Arts will hang replicas of some of their most famous works of art throughout our city. Here's the catch—the art won't be inside—it will be outside! There will be several locations, and you'll have to look around town to find them. This is the fifth year of this program for the DIA. And remember, when you are ready to see the real works of art—admission is FREE to the museum for residents of Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties!

Call Heather for more information at 586-758-8274.



INSIDE | OUT



Center Line Annual FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

July 1, 2014

Join us for an evening of music and entertainment!

Beginning at 6:00 pm Fireworks approx 10 pm